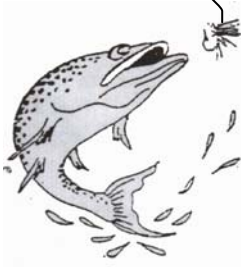


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FEBRUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend the next meeting of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc.
This will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2004, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - January 21st 2004
Meeting Opened: - 8:10 PM

Attendance: - 16 Members present

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend The Meeting.
Mick O'Brien, Max Simmons, Tony Woodland and Rod Hewat.

Visitors To The Meeting Were:

Nil

New Members:

There were no new members.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and confirmed as per the Newsletter

Moved: - Neil Morrison

Seconded: - Peter Neligan

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Council of Victorian Fly Fishers Re: Public Liability Insurance.

Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers December 2003 Newsletter

VFFA December 2003 Newsletter

The Southern Fly Fishers November 2003 Newsletter

Bairnsdale Fly Fishers December 2003 Newsletter

Fish Fax Issues 105, 106, 107, 108 & 109

Mirvac Real Estate Pty Ltd, Invitation to participate in the "Sale Rocks Festival"

Department of Primary Industry: - Fisheries Notice to Protect Bream and Dusky Flathead Stocks
Department of Primary industry: - Notice for the next combined angling clubs meeting with Regional and Melbourne Fisheries Staff.

Promotions:

Horsham Visitor Information Centre, Central West Victoria, The centre of Great Fishing
Action Badges pamphlet
AFC Outdoors Bream Pro Series

Business Arising From the Correspondence:

Secretary to contact Brigid Lambert of the Gippsland Centre Sale, accepting the invitation to participate in the "Sale Rocks Festival"

Notice of DPI Combined Angling Clubs Meeting to be held at DPI's Office, 71 Hotham Street Traralgon on Tuesday 2nd March 2004 Beginning at 7:30PM

Moved by Neil Morrison and 2nd by Peter Neligan that the correspondence be accepted, Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment: Newsletter postage \$44.00

Pkt 100 card laminate sleeves: - \$9.35

GACA Affiliation fee: - \$80.00

Wine for the Annual Dinner: - \$150.00

General account Balance of \$1,327.11

GSI Investment Accounts \$2,062.17

Total Amount in Accounts is \$3,389.28

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Ron Bassler and second by Neil Morrison and Carried.

General Business

Members informed on items discussed at the recent Committee meeting held the previous week, Items discussed were dates for this year's club trips; so write them down and keep these dates open.

Eucumbene Portal trip will be on 6, 7 & 8 March over the Labour day Long weekend. Please note that pending water levels may relocate this trip to the lower end of the Lake, Buckenderra.

Jindabyne – Snowline Park, this year will be held from Friday 28th May to Friday 4th June.

We have been trying to get a salt water trip up and running for some time now. We tried having one at the end of the year but do to most of us having other commitments at that time there were very few takers. This year we will be having a Trip to the Bemm River, the date set for this is 16th, 17th & 18th July. Most of this area needs a boat to access the better fishing that the Bemm has to offer. There are a few members with boats that indicated some interest in attending and there are also hire boats available at reasonable rates for those that do not own one. This time of the year accommodation should not be a problem.

Licola Trip has been slotted in for September 24th, 25, & 26th.

I will also keep you posted in the coming events section at the end of the newsletter.

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Guest Speakers were discussed and we are pleased to let you know that Rob Flower will be joining us at our February general meeting. Rob is a competitive fly fisherman and is a regular at State and National Catch and Release Championships run by Fly Fish Australia. Rob is the Author of Australian Trout Food, Trout Flies and how to fish them, I believe he will be bringing along some copies for sale if you don't already have one.

Rob now lives in Melbourne and runs his own business and teaching schools under the name of "Fly Fish Victoria".

Rob has represented Australia at World Fly Fishing Championships and has a lifetime of experiences and is one of Australia's best known professional Guides and fly fisher. If you have internet access you can check out Rob's website at: - www.flyfish.com.au

Peter informed us that Andrew Martin was keen to come back and inform us about recent trips to some of our northern waters. We will be setting aside our April meeting for Andrew.

We have a few other guest speakers in mind, but we still have a bit of work to do in organising them, so I will let you know dates etc. when we have confirmation.

We have a couple of our members putting up their hand to provide the guest speaker spot. Gavin suggested a "Turn Back the Clock" for one evening. He has a lot of photos of trout caught in our local streams dating back quite a few years, for this night we will also ask other members to bring in photos of fish there've caught over the years. If you can remember the date they were caught, what the conditions were like on the day or if there is some interesting aspect about the catch, then please bring them along. We haven't confirmed which meeting this will be yet, so if you have got photos you would like to share with the other members then start thinking about getting them out and setting them aside. I sure this will make a very interesting evening.

Mick O'Brien will give a small segment on how to make your dry flies more durable for fishing and the methods used to keep them afloat longer. He also has a couple of very durable dry flies he has used with a lot of success. He might even bring along a bit of tying materials and a vice so we can relieve him of a few secrets. We don't have a fixed date for this meeting either but we will keep you informed.

A short discussion was held on the Public Liability Insurance offered by The Council of Victorian Fly Fishers, as we have just paid our premiums for this year we will review the situation when the time gets closer to our next renewal.



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Fish Reports:

Peter Murray went to Jindabyne for a few nights, he got a fishing lesson and the method worked to net himself a nice 3lb Brown. Peter also had fished the Macalister River, he landed 14 Carp that went between 4 and 8lbs.

Yours truly found some time to wet a line in the Timbarra river and managed to catch and release 6 small Brown Trout

Gavin Scully reported that he had caught 2 small Browns at 20 Acre creek

Tony Dawkins fished Eucumbene for a 4½ lb Brown, he also had some fun on the Murrumbidgee River with lots of fish participating on the day.

Peter Neligan fished the Buckland River near Bright, he reported there were a lot of snakes sighted but he managed to land a 1¾ lb fish

John Utan had a trip to Eucumbene and he fished Seven Gates for no result, and he also fished other areas of the lake for a total of 6 fish to 1½ lb.

John also fished the Macalister for 5 fish in December

Ron Bassler fished for Taylor at Eagle Point, he reported landing 6 fish in the boat and had lots of other hits.

Chris Vafiopulous reported catching 2 fish in the west Kiwa River.

Steve Jordan reported that on his world tour he didn't get much fishing in but he did manage to catch some Redfin and small trout in Ireland

Brack and Rick fished at Licola in December over 2 days, Rick caught 4 on the first day and then it was Bracks turn who caught 4 fish next day.

Mick O'Brien had visited the Timbarra River on 5 occasions; fishing was very patchy but managed a few fish on each trip

Dean had a trip up to the Barkley where he tempted 5 fish with his fly but was unable to bank any of them.

Meeting Closed: - 9:37PM

Show Us Your Fly: January Meeting

James Tourtoulas won the \$10.00 voucher this month with his tie of a Coch-y-Bonddu
The \$10.00 Voucher for first prize, which was kindly Donated by The Sale Angler.

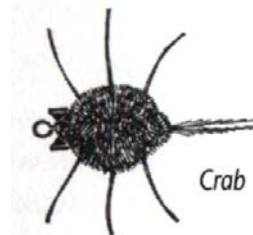
Runner up was Jack Groenewald

The Fly to Tie for the February 2004 Meeting is:

Salt Water Crab Pattern of your Own Choice and colour and tied on a stainless steel hook

Materials:

Your own choice and colour.



Please Note: All flies that are entered in the show us your fly segments are to become raffle prizes at our Annual Dinner at the end of the year.

“ATTENTION”

Any contributions to the newsletter would be appreciated; all articles, stories, recipes, fly tying instructions, patterns or any humorous cartoons etc. will be published.

If you have something you would like published, or any ideas for the newsletter then please contact me.

Submissions close on the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the 3rd Wednesday Meeting Night.

COMING EVENTS

Next General Meeting, Wed. 18th February 2004, Rob Flower will be our Guest Speaker for the evening.

Sale Rocks Festival – Tying Demonstration is Sat. 21st February

DPI Combined Angling Club's Meeting: Tuesday, 2 March commencing at 7:30 pm at 71 Hotham St. Traralgon

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We have been trying for a Salt Water Club Trip for a while now and we think that this would be better suited to the middle of the year, so this year we plan to have a trip to Bemm River, the date for this is to be 16, 17 & 18 July.

The Licola Club Trip has been put down for 24, 25 & 26 September.

Mark these dates in your diary or on your Calender and make some time available to join in on the club trips for this year.

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